

REMARKS

I. Introduction

With the cancellation of claims 1 to 7, 12 to 23, and 25 to 27, claims 8 to 11 and 24 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 8 to 11 and 24 are allowed. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claims 1 to 7, 12 to 23, and 25 to 27

Claims 1 to 7, 12 to 23, and 25 to 27 have been canceled herein without prejudice, thereby rendering moot the present rejections of these claims.

III. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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